

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION

DEMETRIA POWELL, as guardian <i>ad</i>	)	
<i>litem</i> and on behalf of her son D.P. et al.,	)	
	)	No. 18 CV 6675
Plaintiffs,	)	Judge Joan B. Gottschall
	)	
vs.	)	
	)	
The State of Illinois et al.,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	

JOINT STATUS REPORT

Pursuant to this Court’s order (Dky. No. 78), plaintiff and defendants, by their respective counsel, submit this joint status report, and apprise the Court that settlement discussions led by the Seventh Circuit mediation office remain ongoing.

Respectfully submitted,

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